



Haydn International Choral Festival

With finale performance in the Konzerthaus in Vienna
with an extension to Prague, Czech Republic
Dr. Eph Ehly – Artistic Director

Standard Tour #2 (7 nights / 9 days)

Sunday July 5, 2009

Depart from USA via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment. The destination is Vienna, Austria.

Monday July 6th Vienna

Arrive in Vienna. Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who assists the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel. En route, stop at Vienna's Central Cemetery to visit the grave sites of major composers with a wreath-laying. Then enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna's highlights (lunch on own in the city center). Late afternoon hotel check-in. Welcome Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Parkhotel Schönbrunn.



Vienna is still considered the music capital of the world. It is a city of refined tastes, grace, style and unmatched artistic accomplishments. For a thousand years, Vienna was the capital of the far-flung Holy Roman and Hapsburg empires. Though its people and ways have changed, Vienna has retained its imperial monuments, not as reminders of past glories, but as living symbols of its present freedom.



Tuesday July 7th Vienna

Take a tour of Historical Vienna that includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (venue for the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Habsburgs in imitation of Versailles. *Afternoon and evening rehearsals.*



Wednesday July 8th Vienna / Eisenstadt

Excursion to Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrances are included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydn'saal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, to Haydn's House (now a museum), and to Haydn's church (where he is buried). *Possible short recital in the Haydn'saal as part of the 2009 Commemoration of the 200th year since this great composer's death.* Return to Vienna. *Afternoon and evening rehearsals.*



Thursday July 9th Vienna

Mid-morning dress rehearsal with the orchestra in the Konzerthaus. Half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna, including entrance to Mozart "Figaro" House and the Haus der Musik (House of Music), a modern interactive sound museum located in the historic city center. This tour also includes the Museum of the Vienna Philharmonic. Dinner on own. *Arrive at 6:30 pm at the Konzerthaus in concert dress for sound check and evening finale festival performance.*



Friday July 10th Vienna / Terezin / Prague, Czech Republic

Transfer to Prague. Stop en route for a guided tour of Terezin (the infamous Nazi concentration camp for children), including entrance to the fortress, the Museum of the Ghetto and Magdeburg Barracks. Continue on to Prague for dinner and overnight.



Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV, king of Bohemia and Moravia and Holy Roman Emperor. During the Middle Ages, Prague enjoyed a golden age - a time when Prague was larger than Paris or London! The Hapsburgs also left their artistic and architectural mark. Today, Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.



Saturday July 11th Prague

Take a guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with its Tyn Church and the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, and also visiting Hradcany Castle, including its St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and the Daliborka Tower. Dinner on own. ***Evening concert in Prague.***



Sunday July 12th Prague

Enjoy a half-day tour of Musical Prague including entrance to the Mozart and Dvorak Museums. The Dvorak Museum displays the life and works of the most famous of Czech composers, with his music ever-playing in the background. On display at the Bertramka Museum are all available memorabilia of Mozart, namely personal keepsakes, musical instruments, manuscripts, letters, period pictures, engravings, prints and other documents testifying to Mozart's close relationship to Prague and to distinguished personalities of the then affluent Czech culture, have been gathered in this exhibition. Afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities. Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight.



Monday July 13th Depart for home

Transfer to Prague's International Airport for return flight to USA. Arrive home in the evening of the same day.

